



You are invited to a luncheon meeting with Jordan's Labor Minister, Dr. Gazi Shbaikat, on Tuesday, October 27, in Washington D.C. The event will provide an opportunity for representatives of U.S. trade associations and apparel companies to take part in a discussion with the Minister regarding the labor situation in Jordan, including the ILO/IFC Better Work Program.

**LUNCHEON WITH MINISTER GAZI SHBAIKAT
MINISTRY OF LABOR, KINGDOM OF JORDAN**

DATE: Tuesday - October 27, 2009
TIME: 12:30-2:00PM
VENUE: Wal-Mart
701 8th Street, NW
Suite 200
Washington, DC 20001

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Since 2006, the Government of Jordan, and in particular, the Ministry of Labor, has been implementing a comprehensive program of reforms focused on compliance in the apparel sector in the Qualifying Industrial Zones (QIZs). In February 2008, the Ministry released its first report on the steps taken. At the event, the Minister will provide an updated report.

Kindly RSVP by Monday, October 19, to Ludwika Alvarez at ludwika@ssa-dc.com (202-393-4481).

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The Democratic Leadership Council *and* the Embassy of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan invite you to attend a lunch program:

Labor & Trade: the Jordan-U.S. FTA Experience

Eight years after the ratification of the U.S. - Jordan Free Trade Agreement, this event provides a unique opportunity to hear about Jordan's comprehensive labor reform and compliance program, that includes the strengthening of Jordan's Ministry of Labor and related labor institutions, and the implementation of the ILO's Better Work Program in Jordan - the first country after Cambodia to implement such an initiative.

Jordan's Minister of Labor, Dr. Gazi Shbaikat, will be introducing a new comprehensive report on Jordan's strategic plan for labor compliance at this meeting, in domestic industries, the garment sector, and other industries involved in international trade.

Speakers:

H.E. Dr. Gazi Shbaikat, Minister of Labor of Jordan

H.E., Prince Zeid Ra'ad Al-Hussein, Ambassador of Jordan to the United States

Moderator:

Edward Gresser, Democratic Leadership Council, Senior Fellow and Director of the Trade and Global Markets Project

Wednesday, October 28

12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2325
Independence Avenue and South Capitol Street
Washington, DC 20003

Please RSVP by Monday, October 26, 2009 at info@jordanecb.org

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